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SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE YEAR 1952

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES:		CROP YEAR 1952 (1 Mo.Ending Aug.28,1952)	CROP YEAR 1953 (1 Mo.Ending Sept.3,1953)	INCREASE (1 Mo.)	DECREASE (1 Mo.)	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.) INC. %	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.) DEC. %
Farmers' Marketings: Country Elevator and Platform Loadings: (1)							
WHEAT	Bushels.	4,437,000	10,041,000	5,604,000		126.30	
OTHER GRAINS	Bushels.	5,515,000	8,548,000	3,033,000		55.00	
Oats	Bushels.	2,221,000	4,686,000	2,465,000		110.99	
Barley	Bushels.	2,529,000	3,367,000	838,000		33.14	
Rye	Bushels.	707,000	430,000	-	277,000		39.18
Flaxseed	Bushels.	58,000	65,000	7,000		12.07	
		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (7 Mos.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (7 Mos.) DEC.%
Flour Mills (8 firms) - Gross Sales -	$.	27,084,262	29,582,681	17,355,762	18,181,359	4.76	
Production -	Barrels.	3,523,790	3,574,585	2,000,148	2,114,235	5.70	
	Value $.	33,082,390	31,790,297	17,698,443	20,227,979	14.29	
Woollen Mill Products - Gross Sales -	Value $.	326,286	260,929	131,262	36,682		72.05
Production -	Value $.	153,848	156,923	104,119	73,647		29.27
Creamery Butter (2) - Production -	Lbs.	28,960,087	27,659,868	17,034,946	18,269,326	7.25	
	Value $.	17,766,086	16,250,172	10,004,230	10,491,246	4.87	
Factory Cheese (2) - Production -	Lbs.	2,079,895	2,022,391	1,290,028	1,721,221	33.43	
	Value $.	830,570	672,445	435,097	564,467	29.73	
Dairy Factories - Gross Sales -	$.	30,072,663	32,549,433	18,210,360	20,354,289	11.77	
Concentrated Milk - Production	Cases.	288,169	343,036	212,639	217,973	2.51	
	Value $.	1,658,540	2,024,401	1,265,999	1,243,690		1.76

(1) Source: Grain Statistics Weekly, D.B.S.
(2) Source: Dairy Commissioner, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

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AGRICULTURE - ALLIED INDUSTRIES:			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (7 MOS.) INC.%	DEC.%
Packing Plants	Gross Sales	$.	101,787,039	118,110,263	63,785,056	64,134,631	.55	
	Production - Meat	Lbs.	197,161,551	272,152,774	141,328,025	162,848,763	15.23	
		Value $.	83,298,451	83,362,658	46,079,520	48,296,018	4.81	
" "	Exports - Cattle -	No.of Hd.	26,880	25,713	16,509	1,943		88.23
		Value $.	7,268,803	5,372,482	3,705,571	324,023		91.26
	Calves -	No.of Hd.	2,678	3,315	1,485	898		39.53
		Value $.	261,038	228,100	108,356	49,224		54.57
	Sheep & Lambs -	No.of Hd.	11,078	6,091	5,052	161		96.81
		Value $.	357,412	137,515	125,685	3,311		97.37
	Swine -	No.of Hd.	74,668	72,385	42,779	30,590		28.49
		Value $.	3,928,318	2,906,387	1,725,000	1,308,509		24.14
	Meat -	No.of Lbs	94,953,022	137,653,730	72,046,692	83,264,003	15.57	
		Value $.	40,377,286	42,206,559	23,477,572	24,853,113	5.86	
LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS: (1)								
	Cattle -	No.of Hd.	393,870	382,637	197,404	247,150	25.20	
		Value $.	106,206,190	77,369,241	44,684,597	41,500,837		7.12
	Calves -	No.of Hd.	95,404	84,332	28,353	41,321	45.74	
		Value $.	9,619,427	5,890,750	2,147,117	2,461,077	14.62	
	Swine -	No.of Hd.	957,773	1,362,142	702,221	854,233	21.65	
		Value $.	51,453,055	54,407,587	28,316,804	36,746,880	29.77	
	Sheep & Lambs -	No.of Hd.	96,924	133,086	71,173	54,643		23.23
		Value $.	2,894,212	2,824,455	1,727,508	1,117,930		35.29
EXPORTS:								
	Horses -	No.of Hd.	5,796	1,923	855	2,464	188.19	
		Value $.	249,175	97,224	41,187	134,173	225.77	
	Cattle -	No.of Hd.	204,644	153,915	71,280	112,566	57.92	
		Value $.	55,089,213	30,670,339	16,041,758	18,889,540	17.75	

(1) Source: Commercial Livestock Output Report - July Volume 23, Number 7. Dept. of Agriculture - Ottawa - (Number of head only).
(2)Source: Livestock Commissioner - Alberta Dept. of Agriculture - (Number of head only).

		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	PROGRESS (7 MOS.) 1953	PROGRESS (7 MOS.) 1953 %
AGRICULTURE - WILLED INDUSTRIES:						
Packing Plants	$.	1,087,039	1,110,253	63,185,055	5,124,633	5
Production - Meat	lbs.	157,161,331	174,152,774	941,328,025	26,808,763	15.29
	Value $.	63,298,431	55,322,558	46,079,520	42,295,018	4.81
" " Exports - Cattle -	No. of Hd.	36,480	25,713	15,579	1,943	88.11
	Value $.	7,268,808	5,372,412	3,705,371	324,023	91.1
Calves -	No. of Hd.	2,672	7,315	1,485	898	39.23
	Value $.	201,040	238,120	108,756	49,223	54.37
Sheep & Lambs -	No. of Hd.	11,078	6,021	5,052	161	96.82
	Value $.	407,412	127,315	145,688	3,311	97.37
Swine -	No. of Hd.	2,608	72,385	33,779	30,390	28.49
	Value $.	1,298,318	2,305,320	1,725,908	1,308,509	24.14
Meat -	No. of lbs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	72,046,592	63,264,018	15.51
	Value $.	[illegible]	[illegible]	23,477,372	24,359,113	5.06
LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS: (1)						
Cattle -	No. of Hd.	592,870	592,637	487,404	447,130	25.20
	Value $.	100,212,190	77,254,241	44,294,597	41,508,857	7.12
Calves -	No. of Hd.	10,414	8,322	28,359	41,503	45.74
	Value $.	5,314,427	3,890,750	2,347,117	2,451,177	24.42
Swine -	No. of Hd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,102,201	8,512,233	21.45
	Value $.	[illegible]	[illegible]	24,324,804	30,743,880	29.77
Sheep & Lambs -	No. of Hd.	20,324	[illegible]	21,173	16,643	23.27
	Value $.	3,284,212	[illegible]	1,727,508	1,117,920	35.29
EXPORTS:						
Horses -	No. of Hd.	7,798	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	148.19
	Value $.	249,129	[illegible]	41,167	124,213	295.77
Cattle -	No. of Hd.	204,614	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Value $.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

(1) Source: Commercial Livestock Output Report - Crop Volume 2, Number 2, Bureau of Agricultural Economics - Ottawa - (Number of head only).
(2) Source: Livestock Commercial Report - Bureau of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture - Ottawa - (Number of head only).

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MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES:			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (7 MOS.) INC.%	DEC.%
Coal (1)	- Production	Tons.	7,661,276	7,194,472	3,894,132	3,004,840		22.84
		Value $.	41,000,953	39,974,318	21,563,589	15,965,615		25.96
Petroleum-Crude (2)	- Production	Barrels.	45,915,384	58,915,723	30,510,247	39,445,594	29.29	
	Value of Sales	$.	115,809,221	139,657,915	73,441,947	94,656,831	28.89	
Natural Gas (2)	- Production	M.C.F.	85,380,121	95,697,432	54,614,579	63,153,404	15.63	
Salt	Production	Tons.	19,770	24,388	13,388	13,795	3.04	
Petroleum-Crude & Refined (3)	Imports	Gallons.	37,775,684	58,889,974	30,107,505	37,525,700	24.64	
	Exports	Gallons.	1,210,574,465	1,573,143,989	724,771,706	992,635,538	36.96	
Petroleum Products Refined	- Gross Sales	$.	82,661,515	103,790,871	58,990,091	61,992,713	5.09	
	Production (3)	Gallons.	551,362,978	682,094,238	386,660,088	393,473,533	1.76	
	Imports (3)	Gallons.	5,383,642	10,509,239	4,748,833	9,071,573	91.03	
	Exports (3)	Gallons.	162,117,937	184,651,859	94,033,064	88,570,217		5.81
Propane	- Production	Gallons.	8,699,409	11,818,838	6,197,697	8,243,250	33.01	
	Sales	Gallons.	8,555,895	12,324,888	6,143,651	8,191,301	33.33	
Butane	- Production	Gallons.	2,958,433	4,907,969	2,407,389	3,664,483	52.22	
	Sales	Gallons.	945,721	2,781,493	1,469,037	1,050,099		28.52
Natural Gasoline (2)	- Production	Barrels.	515,027	579,873	324,249	343,214	5.85	
	Value of Sales	$.	1,663,854	1,662,514	943,391	984,147	4.32	
Sulphur	- Production	Tons.	-	8,932	3,660	10,387	183.80	
	Sales	Tons.	-	4,225	1,433 ☆	6,123 ☆	-	-
Clay Products	- Gross Sales	$.	3,694,019	3,721,742	2,020,928	1,982,494		1.90
Cement & Cement Products	- Gross Sales	$.	9,032,198	11,852,345	5,570,577	8,439,789	51.51	
Cement	- Production	Barrels.	1,682,417	1,907,792	957,982	1,859,405	94.10	
		Value $.	3,978,948	4,828,185	2,376,695	4,749,193	99.82	
Lime	- Gross Sales	$.	443,714	516,841	209,340	177,130		15.39
	Production	Tons.	30,669	34,306	7,800	6,134		21.36
		Value $.	399,870	479,692	80,613	76,575		5.01

☆ Figures not comparable: Sales begain in June, 1952.
(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines & Minerals, Alberta.
(2) Source: Alberta Oil & Gas Industry, July, Petroleum & Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(3) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

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SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THIS YEAR 1952

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES:		1953 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	FEBRUARY (7 MOS.) 1953	FEBRUARY (7 MOS.) 1952
Coal (1) -	Production Tons.	7,591,275	7,194,472	4,494,172	3,634,840		22.81
	Value $.	41,000,952	39,434,238	23,559,589	18,965,515		25.96
Petroleum-Crude (2) -	Production Barrels.	45,515,384	54,212,723	30,910,247	22,115,484	29.29	
	Value of Sales $.	115,304,221	139,047,915	73,141,914	94,656,931	28.89	
Natural Gas (2) -	Production M.C.F.	85,340,121	95,047,452	54,514,274	63,123,404	15.53	
Salt	Production Tons.	14,770	24,382	13,398	14,795	3.04	
Petroleum-Crude & Refined (3)	Imports Gallons.	34,115,084	34,009,314	24,000,505	37,324,780	21.61	
	Exports Gallons.	1,240,374,452	1,272,143,989	724,771,705	722,635,538	36.36	
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales $.	24,541,345	105,790,021	58,290,091	62,922,712	5.09	
	Production (3) Gallons.	521,322,378	652,094,208	384,650,082	393,474,594	1.76	
	Imports (3) Gallons.	7,245,622	10,509,229	4,748,453	4,071,572	21.03	
	Exports (3) Gallons.	152,177,977	184,651,858	94,083,054	78,370,217	5.81	
Propane -	Production Gallons.	8,555,895	12,124,958	5,107,597	8,243,250	35.01	
	Sales Gallons.	2,958,423	4,427,589	2,463,403	3,634,403	32.22	
Butane -	Production Gallons.	943,771	2,701,407	1,469,097	1,070,059	24.32	
	Sales Gallons.						
Natural Gasoline (2) -	Production Barrels.	514,027	575,275	324,249	324,214	4.85	
	Value of Sales $.	1,863,854	1,652,214	943,201	780,347	4.32	
Sulphur	Production Tons.	8,122	3,960	10,387	183.80		
	Sales Tons.	4,225	1,423	6,123			
Clay Products	Gross Sales $.	3,594,025	3,721,742	2,020,928	1,982,494	1.90	
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales $.	9,022,191	11,852,345	5,570,577	6,429,789	51.51	
Cement	Production Barrels.	1,682,417	1,907,992	957,945	1,859,105	91.10	
	Value $.	3,978,948	4,828,135	2,375,695	4,749,123	99.82	
Lime	Gross Sales $.	443,[illegible]	516,841	209,340	272,190	15.39	
	Production Tons.	30,[illegible]	34,205	21,[illegible]	6,[illegible]	21.[illegible]	
	Value $.	395,370	477,[illegible]	80,612	75,275	5.91	

* Figures not comparable: Sales began in June, 1952.

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines & Minerals, Alberta.
(2) Source: Alberta Oil & Gas Industry, July, Petroleum & Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(3) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Treasury.

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			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (7 Mos.) INC.%	DEC.%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	Production	Lumber-Ft.b.m.	374,524,000	410,000,000	299,909,000	333,588,000	11.23	
		Value $.	14,980,960	16,400,000	11,996,400	13,343,500	11.23	
		Total Value $.	18,054,286	19,700,000	14,096,000	15,444,000	9.56	
Fisheries (3 Mos.)	- Production (1)	Lbs.	8,399,088	9,656,981	1,972,319	2,251,154	14.14	
		Value $.	862,327	942,888	315,363	272,196		13.69
Fur (Wild Life)	- Production	No. of Pelts .	1,720,214	2,021,690	1,744,895	1,352,072		22.51
		Value $.	2,460,053	1,751,874	1,564,468	1,325,740		15.26
TRADE AND INDUSTRY - GENERAL:								
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	487,932,105	548,568,468	288,629,502	323,005,412	11.91	
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	818,365,000	903,965,000	492,902,000	529,443,000	7.41	
Machine Companies	- Gross Sales	$.	180,438,436	220,446,060	49,820,957	50,631,679	1.63	
Miscellaneous Machinery, Service & Supplies	- Gross Sales	$.	(See Machine Companies)		58,028,405	54,468,595		6.13
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	36,958	41,189	24,160	29,627	22.63	
		Value $.	88,715,064	103,107,790	61,197,018	73,901,807	20.76	
MISCELLANEOUS:								
Bank Clearings	-	$.	2,963,850,119	3,594,105,352	1,993,460,262	2,256,103,492	13.18	
Bank Debits	-	$.	6,241,574,585	7,857,888,767	4,390,831,000	5,131,109,000	16.86	
Customs' Duty Receipts (Jan, June inclusive)		$.	10,990,155	14,835,809	6,324,544	8,971,682	41.86	
Electric Power - Consumption (5)		K.W.Hrs.	1,021,077,000	1,163,293,000	649,489,000	740,551,000	14.02	

(1) Source: Fish and Game Branch; Department of Lands and Forests, Alberta.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol XXV, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle Financing, Vol XXV, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 30, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 21, 1953, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE YEAR 1952

			1953 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	1952 (7 Mos.)	Percentage Increase (7 Mos.)
Forestry (Crown Lands)	Production	Lumber-Ft.b.m.	374,524,000	410,000,000	299,904,000	319,588,000	11.23
		Value $.	14,983,960	16,400,000	11,996,160	13,343,500	11.29
		Total Value $.	18,054,284	19,700,000	14,000,000	15,414,000	9.55
Fisheries (3 Mos.)	– Production (1)	Lbs.	8,399,099	9,054,901	1,972,377	2,251,174	14.14
		Value $.	802,327	912,888	313,369	272,496	13.09
Fur (Main Line)	– Production	No. of Pelts	1,720,214	4,000,699	1,704,455	1,392,072	22.51
		Value $.	2,450,539	1,751,674	1,086,444	1,334,143	15.24
Mineral and Industrial Trade	– Gross Sales	$.	450,924,105	344,860,[illegible]	284,027,512	253,000,412	12.22
Metals Trade	– Gross Sales (2)	$.	318,765,000	303,045,000	220,202,000	329,445,000	7.41
Manufacturers Association, Service & Supplies	– Gross Sales	$.	[illegible]	[illegible]	43,800,327	40,012,019	1.93
New Motor Vehicles	– Gross Sales (3)	No.	34,594	43,189	24,102	23,[illegible]	22.[illegible]
		Value $.	64,[illegible]	109,207,790	63,377,000	73,994,807	20.[illegible]
Banks (Average)	–	$.	2,763,829,129	3,594,105,352	2,[illegible]	2,454,105,492	13.18
Bank Debits	–	$.	5,241,274,585	7,677,488,707	4,200,831,020	3,123,109,000	16.86
Customs' Duty Receipts (Jan. Jan. indicative)		$.	17,807,157	24,435,809	6,324,734	8,971,662	12.46
Electric Power – Consumption (5)		K.W.H.	2,320,407,000	2,105,273,000	849,148,000	920,701,000	14.02

(1) Source: Fish and Game Branch, Department of Lands and Forests, Victoria.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XIV, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle Financing, Vol XIV, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Dropped based on Monthly Centres, Vol. 50, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 21, 1953, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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S T A T E M E N T S

PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS FOR TWELVE MONTHS - 1952 - AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE YEAR 1951.

			1951	1952	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC. %	PERCENTAGE DEC. %
AGRICULTURE:								
Agricultural	- Production	Gross Value $.	762,049,000	804,511,000	42,462,000		5.57	
Wheat	- Production	Bush.	152,000,000	172,000,000	20,000,000		13.16	
		Value $.	229,520,000	266,600,000	37,080,000		16.16	
Other Grains	- Production	Bush.	249,074,000	259,700,000	10,626,000		4.27	
		Value $.	221,275,000	239,798,000	18,523,000		8.37	
Forage Crop Seed etc.	- Production	Value $.	4,859,000	6,013,000	1,154,000		23.75	
Potatoes	- Production	Bush.	2,354,000	3,256,000	902,000		38.32	
		Value $.	4,049,000	4,884,000	835,000		20.62	
Sugar Beets	- Production	Tons.	349,194	480,000	130,806		37.46	
		Value $.	5,007,000	7,200,000	2,193,000		43.80	
Fodder-Crops	- Production	Tons.	2,166,400	2,275,700	109,300		5.05	
		Value $.	38,357,000	35,149,000		3,208,000		8.36
Wool	- Production	Lbs.	1,612,000	1,908,000	296,000		18.36	
		Value $.	1,080,000	687,000		393,000		36.39
Honey & Wax	- Production	Lbs.	4,500,000	4,900,000	400,000		8.89	
		Value $.	569,000	618,000	49,000		8.61	
Animals Slaughtered and Sold		No.	2,014,668	2,651,288	636,620		31.60	
		Value $.	178,674,000	169,930,000		8,744,000		4.89
Dairy Products	-	Value $.	47,308,000	45,655,000		1,653,000		3.49
Poultry Products	-	Value $.	28,525,000	25,141,000		3,384,000		11.86
Fur Farming	-	Value $.	2,826,000	2,836,000	10,000		.35	
NATURAL RESOURCES:								
Mineral	- Production	Total Value $.	168,144,211	197,333,166	29,188,955		17.36	
Forestry	- Production	Total Value $.	18,054,000	19,700,000	1,646,000		9.12	
Fisheries	- Production	Total Value $.	862,327	942,888	80,561		9.34	
Fur (Wild Life)	- Production July 1 to June 30)	Total Value $.	2,530,978	1,765,849		765,129		30.23
TRADE AND INDUSTRY - GENERAL:								
Wholesale Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	490,000,000	550,000,000	60,000,000		12.24	
Retail Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	818,365,000	903,965,000	85,600,000		10.46	
Manufactures	-	Total Value $.	458,281,384	489,000,000	30,718,616		6.70	
Construction	- Contracts Awarded	No.	5,019	6,166	1,147		22.85	
		Total Value $.	183,075,100	232,332,800	49,257,700		26.91	
Building Permits	- (7 Cities)	No.	9,867	13,014	3,147		31.89	
		Total Value $.	66,437,396	100,085,129	33,647,733		50.65	
Defence Contracts Awarded		No.	170	114		56		32.94
		Total Value $.	13,318,538	27,014,090	13,695,552		102.83	

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE YEAR 1952.

BUILDING PERMITS:		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (8 Mos.)	1953 (8 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (8 Mos.) INC.%	DEC.%
CALGARY	Number	3,293	5,330	3,399	3,361		1.12
	Value $.	22,361,790	52,796,622	24,189,702	31,280,048	29.31	
EDMONTON	Number	5,343	5,967	3,881	4,723	21.70	
	Value $.	36,394,684	37,065,526	24,980,188	39,291,156	57.29	
LETHBRIDGE	Number	591	734	500	469		6.20
	Value $.	4,820,675	4,741,855	3,166,850	5,922,391	87.01	
MEDICINE HAT	Number	318	496	270	327	21.11	
	Value $.	1,569,625	2,351,585	1,255,780	2,259,350	79.92	
RED DEER	Number	199	328	211	226	7.11	
	Value $.	1,002,590	2,275,801	1,612,575	2,316,250	43.64	
DRUMHELLER	Number	50	53	37	43	16.22	
	Value $.	134,085	287,740	163,640	75,845		53.65
WETASKIWIN	Number	73	106	66	102	54.55	
	Value $.	153,947	565,000	431,650	1,142,540	164.69	
TOTAL - (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	9,867	13,014	8,364	9,251	10.60	
	VALUE $.	66,437,396	100,085,129	55,800,386	82,287,580	47.47	
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	3,945	5,092	3,194	4,667	46.12	
	Value $.	37,423,200	55,240,100	36,096,300	61,658,300	70.82	
BUSINESS	Number	724	760	496	584	17.74	
	Value $.	53,655,000	56,964,900	29,943,300	40,720,100	35.99	
INDUSTRIAL	Number	75	111	54	74	37.04	
	Value $.	53,207,700	31,577,300	26,819,600	5,061,400		81.13
ENGINEERING	Number	275	206	153	280	83.01	
	Value $.	38,789,200	87,409,000	83,475,700	54,643,200		34.54
	NUMBER	5,019	6,169	3,897	5,605	43.83	
	VALUE $.	183,075,100	231,191,300	176,334,900	162,083,000		8.08

(1) Source: Building Reporter, September, 1953, published by MacLean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

Eight Months Ending 31 August, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding Period in the year 1952

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (8 Mos.)	1953 (8 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (8 Mos.) INCREASE %	DECREASE %
Banff - - - - - - - -	471,908	591,036	476,882	512,884	7.55	
Elk Island- - - - - -	141,211	131,701	118,931	152,084	27.88	
Jasper- - - - - - - -	99,172	109,467	93,975	111,357	18.50	
Waterton Lakes- - - -	164,908	195,562	175,277	175,993	.41	
TOTAL - - -	877,199	1,027,766	865,065	952,318	10.09	

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AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

Eight Months Ending 31 August, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding Period in the Year 1952

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (8 Mos.)	1953 (8 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (8 Mos.) INCREASE %	DECREASE %
Aden - - - - - - - -	271	335	191	197	3.14	
Carway - - - - - - -	10,651	13,070	11,362	13,438	18.27	
Chief Mountain - - -	12,396	12,161	11,252	10,449		7.14
Coutts - - - - - - -	28,188	34,353	26,235	28,833	9.90	
Del Bonita - - - - -	2,430	2,100	1,407	879		37.53
Wild Horse - - - - -	547	571	381	452	18.64	
TOTAL- - -	54,483	62,590	50,828	54,248	6.73	

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,827,090	1,274,595		1,580,880	346,920	6,029,485
AA-	4,765,040	900,375	7,525	968,975		6,641,915
B-	186,270					186,270
BB-	27,792	101,859	91,677	206,607	70,000	497,935
D-	1,093,864	399,634	193,843	147,453		1,834,794
E-				817,648		817,648
G-	134,676	219,467		5,592,715		5,946,858
H-	4,232,211	271,395	2,477 *	1,134,462		5,635,591
J-	16,104,711	8,880,953	1,823 *	3,412,428		28,396,269
K-				3,606		3,606
L-	851,480					851,480
M-	8,745	19,446	33,096	287,484		348,771
N-	4,767,980	327,670	140 *	1,030,925	8,645	6,135,080
O-	5,915			274,120		280,035
TOTAL	35,005,774	12,395,394	321,701	15,457,303	425,565	63,605,737

* Adjustment - Deduct

DETAILS OF WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JULY, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

(according to the undermentioned classifications)

	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	INCREASE $	DECREASE $	INCREASE %	DECREASE %
TOTAL - WHOLESALE TRADE	288,629,502	323,005,412	34,375,910		11.91	
Automotive Accessories, Equipment and Supplies	50,796,899	65,436,669	14,639,770		28.82	
Drugs	4,555,704	4,656,654	100,950		2.22	
Dry Goods	15,737,000	17,114,977	1,377,977		8.76	
Electrical Appliances & Radios	25,134,874	28,066,879	2,932,005		11.67	
Furniture	2,166,996	2,686,711	519,715		23.98	
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	89,139,166	95,740,293	6,601,127		7.41	
Hardware	35,539,311	37,059,603	1,520,292		4.28	
Lumber and Building Supplies	22,103,654	26,583,399	4,479,745		20.27	
Paints and Varnishes	4,128,751	4,657,912	529,161		12.82	
Paper	5,379,361	5,692,315	312,954		5.82	
Tobacco	9,821,542	10,076,999	255,457		2.60	
Miscellaneous	24,126,244	25,233,001	1,106,757		4.59	

DETAILS OF RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JULY, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

(according to the undermentioned classifications)

Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics

	1952 (7 Mos.)	1953 (7 Mos.)	INCREASE $	DECREASE $	INCREASE %	DECREASE %
TOTAL - ALL TRADES	492,902,000	529,443,000[a]	36,541,000		7.41	
Grocery and Combination Stores	57,086,000	60,382,000	3,296,000		5.77	
Meat Stores	9,042,000	8,723,000		319,000		3.53
Country General Stores	39,876,000	39,462,000		414,000		1.04
Department Stores	34,460,000	40,340,000	5,880,000		17.06	
Variety Stores	4,729,000	5,473,000	744,000		15.73	
Motor Vehicle Dealers	95,448,000	105,709,000	10,261,000		10.75	
Garage and Filling Stations	27,974,000	32,345,000	4,371,000		15.63	
Men's Clothing Stores	9,408,000	9,376,000		32,000		.34
Family Clothing Stores	5,080,000	5,727,000	647,000		12.74	
Women's Clothing Stores	7,997,000	9,449,000	1,452,000		18.16	
Shoe Stores	2,726,000	3,006,000	280,000		10.27	
Hardware Stores	13,035,000	14,224,000	1,189,000		9.12	
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	26,777,000	31,280,000	4,503,000		16.82	
Furniture Stores	6,408,000	6,793,000	385,000		6.01	
Appliances and Radio Stores	6,383,000	(b)	-	-	-	
Restaurants	21,047,000	21,019,000		28,000		.13
Coal and Wood Dealers	381,000	(b)	-	-	-	
Drug Stores	9,691,000	10,433,000	742,000		7.66	
Jewellery Stores	3,178,000	(b)	-	-		
Tobacco Stores	1,930,000	(b)	-	-		
All Other Trades	110,246,000	112,009,000	1,763,000		1.60	

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not available.

ALBERTA SUMMARY FOR PERIOD ENDING 1st JULY , 1953

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 53, No. 7, July, 1953)

Although outdoor activities continued to expand in the prairie region during July, the labour supply expanded somewhat as students and women entered the working force.

Crops developed rapidly in most parts of the region during July following the prolonged spell of cool, wet weather. Hail damage was severe in some areas. Farm labour requirements were generally small during the month; on the other hand the demand for construction labour was substantial since the number of housing units being built in the prairie region at the beginning of July was 46% greater than a year earlier. As a result there was a shortage of unskilled as well as skilled labour.

There was no significant change in the employment situation during July. As in June, labour generally was in tight supply throughout the region. Two-thirds of the wage and salaried workers were in balanced areas while the remaining one-third was in labour-shortage areas.

Little change occurred in the shortage situation in Edmonton during July. Industrial employment was about 20% higher than last year, and further expansion, particularly in the construction industry, absorbed both the local labour supply and workers entering the area from other localities. Shortages of carpenters, brick-layers, automobile mechanics, stenographers and waitresses were general by August 1st.

The Calgary area remained in balance, as did the Lethbridge, Drumheller and Medicine Hat areas.

The agricultural labour force was augmented slightly during the school vacation period as students were employed on farms. During July however, demands were relatively light and will not reach a peak until later this month.

General labour shortages continued in the Red Deer area.

The most pressing requirements were for building tradesmen, waitresses and household workers, but automobile mechanics and stenographers were also in strong demand.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurances, taxes, pension funds, etc. are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations as at 1st of July 1953 with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At July 1, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1952

	Index Numbers (1939 = 100)				Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Employment		Payrolls				
	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1952 $	July 1 1953 $	July 1 1953 No.
Mining	203.1	205.3	510.3	528.3	70.24	71.97	17,619
Coal	94.2	78.2	221.5	171.1	61.36	57.12	4,949
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	580.6	650.2	1341.2	1549.9	74.60	77.11	11,236
Manufacturing	244.2	249.1	533.0	580.8	54.52	58.28	25,335
Food and Beverages	205.2	203.7	436.2	460.0	53.65	57.01	8,456
Meat Products	206.5	214.2	475.9	507.6	59.94	61.63	3,924
Wood Products	244.8	248.1	605.8	654.5	45.01	48.22	2,965
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	139.3	142.4	253.1	269.1	55.63	57.84	1,145
Iron and Steel Products	600.7	583.9	1512.2	1583.9	60.36	65.38	2,727
Transportation Equipment	245.7	264.1	485.1	575.3	54.63	60.27	4,793
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	295.7	294.5	636.4	698.8	49.99	55.11	1,764
Products of Petroleum and Coal	280.8	272.7	742.9	716.8	75.57	75.40	1,347
Construction	378.8	502.0	853.1	1436.8	52.27	66.50	21,829
Buildings and Structures (k)	703.9	977.5	1491.4	2738.1	55.93	74.34	12,649
Highways, Bridges and Streets	240.6	290.5	528.2	741.0	48.09	55.87	8,817
Transportation, Storage, Communication	190.6	198.6	376.2	422.4	58.13	62.64	24,855
Steam Railways	180.3	184.7	352.1	399.4	60.68	67.19	14,781
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	278.4	300.8	639.5	700.9	59.23	60.10	3,582
Storage	120.1	120.6	215.3	231.8	48.13	51.62	2,616
Trade	201.2	215.2	419.1	470.3	47.85	50.26	24,490
Wholesale	209.2	218.5	398.6	433.6	51.44	53.59	8,903
Retail	196.7	213.3	434.2	496.9	45.69	48.36	15,587
Service	221.9	251.7	435.7	532.1	33.03	35.62	7,249
Hotels and Restaurants	235.3	259.0	469.5	554.3	31.58	33.88	5,216
Industrial Composite	222.4	239.8	476.5	558.0	54.48	59.21	129,983

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, July, 1953
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, by Industries at July 1, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1952

	Index Numbers (1939 = 100)				Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Employment		Payrolls				
	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1953
					$	$	No.
CALGARY							
Manufacturing	234.3	232.3	494.0	526.1	58.03	62.39	9,312
Foods and Beverages	215.2	209.8	438.4	462.0	57.12	61.67	2,836
Transportation Equipment	226.2	240.6	446.5	532.6	54.93	61.60	2,822
Construction	643.2	599.0	1366.7	1314.5	56.25	58.09	3,504
Wholesale Trade	197.3	202.6	371.1	402.2	51.65	54.62	3,789
Retail Trade	189.9	199.4	414.3	456.3	47.04	49.64	5,977
Industrial Composite	232.3	239.3	482.1	519.7	53.41	55.96	31,517
EDMONTON							
Manufacturing	260.5	278.5	576.5	648.0	55.13	58.20	10,395
Foods and Beverages	212.8	220.6	465.8	506.5	54.85	57.63	3,894
Meat Products	200.6	214.6	463.0	510.8	57.72	59.53	2,657
Construction	849.2	1172.5	1894.5	3736.2	54.91	78.52	8,395
Wholesale Trade	248.2	269.1	462.2	519.0	50.61	52.41	3,821
Retail Trade	211.8	236.8	492.0	589.0	45.38	48.65	6,980
Industrial Composite	277.3	318.1	607.6	793.9	51.51	58.84	37,184

Source: Employment and Payrolls, July, 1953

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AT JULY 1, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1952

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	July 1 1952	July 1 1953	July 1 1952 ¢	July 1 1953 ¢	July 1 1952 $	July 1 1953 $	July 1 1953
Coal Mining	33.5	30.0	178.7	182.7	59.86	54.81	4,257
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.0	43.7	164.6	166.3	70.78	72.67	4,340
Manufacturing	40.6	40.4	130.4	139.4	52.94	56.32	18,264
Foods and Beverages	40.5	39.8	126.9	135.2	51.39	53.81	5,850
Meat Products	40.4	38.9	140.6	147.6	56.80	57.42	2,798
Transportation Equipment	39.4	39.5	135.8	150.6	53.51	59.49	3,810
Buildings and Structures (h)	35.9	42.2	151.1	176.7	54.24	74.57	10,679
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	42.6	39.6	134.3	144.3	57.21	57.14	2,181
Service (j)	44.6	43.4	70.7	77.4	31.53	33.59	4,257

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, July 1, 1953
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies, dyeing, cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, AUG. 1, 1953, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1939 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Aug. 1 1952	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1952	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1952 $	Aug. 1 1953 $
Prince Edward Island	207.9	203.6	429.9	450.8	41.17	44.02
Nova Scotia	160.4	156.6	346.8	353.4	46.32	48.36
New Brunswick	172.3	174.2	392.8	417.9	46.40	48.77
Quebec	183.5	177.7	439.7	455.3	51.00	54.51
Ontario	195.9	201.3	452.6	493.8	56.62	60.08
Manitoba	182.7	185.6	370.3	399.3	52.12	55.28
Saskatchewan	166.1	172.7	355.6	395.5	52.84	55.43
Alberta	231.5	246.0	493.1	574.0	54.16	59.36
British Columbia	183.7	205.5	409.4	504.3	57.87	63.86
Canada - Composite Index	188.8	191.9	433.3	471.8	-	-
Canada - Manufacturing	194.1	202.6	474.6	524.3	55.71	58.93
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	53.89	57.70

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division.

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(4) SURPLUS FOOD PRODUCTS OF SEMI-INDUSTRIAL AND FACTORIES, AUG. 1, 1955, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR AGO AND TWO YEARS AGO

(a) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(2) FACTORIES		(3) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Aug. 1 1952	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1952	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1952	Aug. 1 1953
					$	$
Prince Edward Island	207.9	203.6	429.9	450.3	41.17	44.02
Nova Scotia	160.4	159.0	540.8	571.4	46.32	48.35
New Brunswick	172.3	174.2	352.8	417.9	46.40	45.77
Quebec	163.5	177.7	439.7	465.5	51.02	54.51
Ontario	175.8	201.3	452.0	477.8	54.02	60.08
Manitoba	142.7	163.5	370.3	372.3	50.72	55.08
Saskatchewan	142.1	172.2	375.6	395.5	52.85	53.43
Alberta	151.5	146.0	423.1	374.0	54.35	59.36
British Columbia	183.8	208.5	405.4	384.3	57.37	63.86
Canada - Composite Index	182.8	191.7	433.3	471.8	-	-
Canada - Manufacturing	194.1	202.5	474.6	524.3	55.71	58.37
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	53.87	57.70

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.